

The Connection

Mission Statement: Spencer County Schools will go the distance for all students!

Vision Statement: Spencer County Schools will ensure all students reach their full potential through high academic standards empowering them to become highly effective individuals.

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Deadline for items: Wednesday afternoon

Submit items to Central Office:

Phone 477-3250 or via

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Note of Sympathy

We want to extend our sincere condolences to Tracy DeVore and family in the passing of her father, Martin L. Luckett on Sunday, August 22, 2010, after a long illness.

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Going Above & Beyond!

Big THANK YOU to the Board of Education and PTA 's for purchasing water for our kids to have on the bus during the blistering heat of the first week!

BIG THANK YOU to the transportation folks and bus drivers for taking special care of our Kindergarten children to are experiencing school for the first time! Good to know our students are **not** on the bus for 3 hours (or longer) to get home here at the beginning of the year. — Nichole Hutchins

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## HPV NOTICE

**HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS.** This is a type of virus that can lead to cervical cancer, which is cancer of the cervix. HPV vaccines are available to prevent most cases of cervical cancer and genital warts in both males and females. Please discuss HPV vaccine and cervical cancer with your physician or healthcare provider. They are the best resource to determine if HPV vaccine is best for you or your child.

HPV is the most common sexually transmitted virus in the United States. According to statistics from the Center for Disease Control, more than half of sexually active men and women are infected with HPV; as many as 20 million Americans are currently infected and 6 million more get infected each year.

These are alarming statistics. Most HPV infections don't cause any symptoms and go away on their own. However, there are four types of HPV that you should be aware of since abnormal cells may develop if the virus has not resolved on its own:

**HPV Types 16 & 18** cause about 70% of cervical cancer  
**HPV Types 6 & 11** causes about 90% of genital warts

HPV vaccine is given as a 3-dose series with the second dose two months after dose 1, and the third dose given 6 months after dose 1.

The vaccine is recommended for girls beginning at 11 or 12 years of age or as early as 9 years old. Remember, the vaccine is most effective if it is given before their first sexual contact. Males 9 through 26 years of age may get HPV vaccine to prevent the spread of the virus and genital warts.

The vaccine should be given *before* a person is exposed to the virus – to get the most benefit from the HPV vaccine all three doses should be given before beginning sexual activity.

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Two Baby Boys!

Leslie and Craig Slaughter are the proud parents of a baby boy! Mason Craig was born July 29, 2010. He weighed 7 lbs., 13 oz., and measured 19 inches long.

Congratulations to Nikki Oliver on the birth of baby boy Sabe Thomas Oliver on August 17, 2010. He arrived weighing 8 lbs., 8 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Save Those Boxtop\$ Emblems & Labels

Remember to collect and bring in those boxtop emblems (about 200 items carry them now) and Campbells soup and other product labels. Both of our elementary schools and the middle school are collecting these valuable bits of paper!

If you are not supporting any school, you can just save the emblems and drop off at a school or here at Central Office. You can also check on them and support a school by going to www.Boxtops4Education.com website.

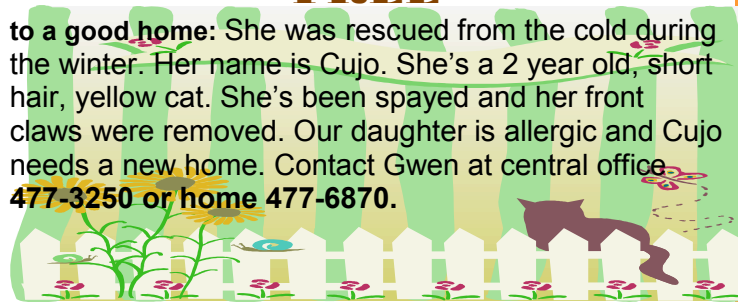
HPV from Column 1:

While the HPV vaccination offers protection from certain types of viruses; it is not a substitute for cervical cancer screening and women should still get regular Pap tests.

—From Your Spencer County School Nurses

FREE

to a good home: She was rescued from the cold during the winter. Her name is Cujo. She's a 2 year old, short hair, yellow cat. She's been spayed and her front claws were removed. Our daughter is allergic and Cujo needs a new home. Contact Gwen at central office 477-3250 or home 477-6870.



FOR SALE

Home at 290 Autumn Drive, Taylorsville. Beautiful 4 BR, 2 BA, walk-out ranch w/2 1/2 car garage on 1.06 acres.
Too many lovely features to list. \$189,900. Call Semonin Realtors at 214-3500 or 727-3114.

NEEDED

PERSONAL REQUEST: We are looking for someone to car-pool with our son from Spencer County to Middletown for Karate class on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. We would pay towards the cost of gas; we are both in Middletown already at the office for work. Hopefully a teacher that lives in Louisville and has to drive back into the east end would be interested in helping us. Thank you. Please call Jennifer Hesse, cell 502-643-2093